GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ERADICATION OF KALA -AZAR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died due to Kala-azar during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether the incidence of the said disease has increased during the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government including the funds allocated for eradication of the disease in the country; and

(e) the success achieved by the Government as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 103 FOR 29TH NOVEMBER, 2006

(a)to(c): There has been increase in number of kala-azar cases reported during the last three years due to intensive search for kala-azar cases and improved availability of drugs in Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, District Hospitals & tertiary health care institutions.

State-wise distribution of kala-azar reported cases and deaths during the last three years is as follows:

States	2003		2004		2005	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Bihar	13960	187	17324	107	23383	124
Delhi#	126	10	78	9	62	4
Uttar Pradesh	34	1	34	2	73	2
West Bengal	1487	7	3015	23	2706	15
Jharkhand	2607	5	4028	14	6578	12
Total	18214	210	24479	155	32802	157

Imported Cases

(d): The following steps have been taken to achieve the objectives of the Kala-azar Elimination Programme:

1. Provision of early diagnosis & complete treatment.

2. Ensuring vector control by undertaking residual insecticide spraying of houses and cattle sheds in the affected villages.

3. Ensuring availability of drugs for treatment through all health facilities.

4 . Introduction of rapid diagnostic kit rk39 and oral drug miletfosine during 2006-07 for early diagnosis and better treatment compliance.

5. Training to upgrade technical skills of functionaries at all levels, for treatment & the control of the disease. 6. Regular supervision & monitoring.

7 IEC activities to involve the community in the disease control measures.

8. Funds allocated to the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal & Uttar Pradesh during the last three years are given below:

(Rs.in Lakhs)

Year	Cash	Kind	Total
2003-04	761.00	2318.00	3079.00
2004-05	1125.00	2922.94	4047.94
2005-06#	50.00	2600.00	2650.00

Releases had to be curtailed in 2005-06 due to inadequate utilization by States.

(e) Due to free availability of drugs, the turnout of the patients has increased in Government Institutions. Capacity building and regular monitoring has improved service delivery.